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THEORIES OF CONFINEMENT AND FREEDOM IN THE 19TH CENTURY IBERIAN BLACK ATLANTIC

2 - 3 PM, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 | FREE VIRTUAL EVENT

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This presentation will address an array of journeys, passages, and translations in the Iberian Black Atlantic and, more specifically, between the islands of Fernando Poo (today Bioko) and Cuba during the second half of the 19th century: between 1868 and 1898 Fernando Poo served as the destination for numerous black emancipated Cubans and political deportees, as well as an intermediate imperial space to stabilize social tensions and pro-independence agitation in the Caribbean. Ships crowded with political subjects that had defied Cuban colonial authority departed from Havana towards the presidio island of Fernando Poo. These deportees generated multiple written testimonies of their transatlantic and African experiences, as did the Spanish administrative apparatus that ordered the deportations. Interplay of these particular islands as a privileged space for textual production and articulation of critical perspectives on law, concepts of personhood, and experiences of confinement will be the central focus of this presentation.

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